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Chapter 3. State Toxicology Department

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Indiana University School of Medicine; state department of toxicology

Sec. 1. The board of trustees of Indiana University may establish in the Indiana University School of Medicine a state department of toxicology and provide adequate equipment and competent personnel to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.286.

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Duties; analyses

Sec. 2. (a) The state department of toxicology shall do the following:

(1) Conduct analyses for poisons, drugs, and alcohols upon human tissues and fluids submitted by:

- (A) Indiana coroners, prosecuting attorneys, and sheriffs;
- (B) authorized officials of the Indiana state police and Indiana city police departments; and
- (C) officials of the Indiana University Medical Center hospitals;

in cases of suspected poisoning or intoxication of human beings.

(2) Report the analytical findings of the state department of toxicology to the official requesting the analyses.

(3) Consult with Indiana coroners and coroner's physicians regarding the interpretation of the analytical findings.

(b) The personnel of the state department of toxicology shall furnish expert testimony regarding the department's analytical findings in all legal hearings including criminal prosecutions related to the findings.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.286.

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Duties; training

Sec. 3. (a) The state department of toxicology shall do the following:

(1) Give instruction in toxicology to medical students and physicians being trained at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

(2) Train qualified students desiring to become toxicologists.

(b) The state department of toxicology shall also train police technicians and other persons selected by the dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, or the dean's representative, to conduct some of the simpler chemical tests for intoxication.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.286.

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Duties; research

Sec. 4. The state department of toxicology shall conduct research on the following:

- (1) The detection of toxic compounds that may be components of drugs or medicines or may be present in pesticides used for agricultural or other purposes.
- (2) The treatment of poisoning from these toxic substances.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.286.

IC 21-45-3-5**Duties; inspections**

Sec. 5. (a) State department of toxicology examiners shall make periodic visits to various state, county, city, and hospital laboratories in Indiana:

- (1) that are performing analyses for alcohol upon materials from the human body; and
 - (2) whose analytical results may be used in criminal prosecutions.
- (b) An examiner shall conduct a visit under this section to:
- (1) examine the person conducting the tests concerning the person's competence to reliably perform the analyses; and
 - (2) inspect the apparatus and chemicals employed in making the analyses.

(c) The state department of toxicology shall keep a record of the examiners' findings under this section.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.286.